

into a simple, specific goal that could...that anybody could be, by legislation, ordered to contract with. And, by the way, I would hope that you would look at the examples that we have elsewhere. We do not have now for ourselves, and our Attorney General statutes, or in our city attorney qualifications, or in any of the other kinds of skills levels that we have in government, other than a general qualification standard, a method of ensuring the highest quality. I can get to the general goal, but I can't find the lowest bidder kind of theory that would yield perhaps what it is that you would most like to see happen. By opening the process up, though, I think there is some benefit. And there is another assurance that perhaps you haven't picked up that would be of value to you. If you'd take a look at lines...on the second page, 6 through 10. In no event shall the attorney or attorneys representing the issuer of the bonds, whether such issuer is the authority or any association formed pursuant to the interlocal cooperation, be selected as bond counsel and issuer counsel for the same issue. That can occur now where the same bond counsel can be the bond counsel for the city and the bond counsel for the investment banker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-huh.

SENATOR LANDIS: Now that is a situation that occurs in the marketplace today that I think you want to stop, and this would be the only time in statutes where we'd say that kind of an arrangement is wrong, you can't do it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now the latter part is not what was of concern to me. Thank you, Senator Landis. How much time is left, Senator Barrett?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The thing that I'm looking at is that in this area there usually is a relatively small fraternity of people, maybe not described as a fraternity group, that might do this kind of thing and there may be some who have a leg up already. The difference between granting a contract of this kind or hiring an individual or firm to do this work, the difference between that and the Attorney General or a city attorney is that we're not talking about a politician or discharging political duties as such, but strictly...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.